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**Dear esteemed members,**

We hope you have a wonderful day.

ACCESS MY has been active in Q3-Q4 2018. We have successfully held our first Annual General Meeting (AGM), participated in exhibitions, panels, lectures, as well as discussions with various parties in the government and private sectors. This newsletter aims to provide you with updated information on the developments within the association.

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### Organizational Updates

1. As you might know, Sasha is our full-time Admin Executive; responsible for the

corporate members, also responding to general inquiries from members and the public.

We will also be recruiting an intern from one of our local universities within Q12019 to assist Sasha and spread awareness of the association within the local student population.

2. ACCESS Blockchain Association present roster of Sub-committee (EXCO) is as follows;

We have formed 8 subcommittees which are open to regular members. Please notify Sasha via [sasha@access-my.org](mailto:sasha@access-my.org) or telegram @Sasha\_haya and she will register you into the group of your choice. Bear in mind that Telegram is the main channel for subcommittee coordination and you will need to have the application installed in order to participate.

Subcommittees categories :

1. Research/Technical Standards
2. Community outreach/Creative/PR Marketing
3. Education
4. Exchange/Digital Currency
5. Industry Relations
6. Mining & Node operations
7. Regulatory/Legal/Syariah
8. Inclusion

3. Our current membership roster is as follows:

- Corporate: 19
- Individuals: 72
- Students: 11
- Overall: 102



4. 1st Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We have successfully our inaugural Annual General Meeting at the Seminar Hall, Oasis Discovery Centre on 29th September 2018.

"Business Niches in the Bitcoin Ecosystem". Following that, we have organizational reports from our Secretary and financial report from our Treasurer.

Subsequently, the event was followed by a nomination and voting session for the EXCO. All existing EXCOs for 2017-2018 have been nominated and reappointed as EXCO for 2019. Also at the event, we made a session where the subcommittee was formally established. Therefore, nominations and voting are conducted by its members and 8 subcommittees have been established with the Head of the Subcommittee appointed responsible for each division.

Towards the end of the event, another session took place from World Foodchain with titled "Food data on blockchain". To enliven the event, we have a lucky draw and the winner is Jason Vandal who won our exclusive ACCESS snapback cap. We would like to thank all our esteemed members for contributing to the success of our AGM.

#### 5. ACCESS Exclusive Merchandise

As a fast-growing and well-known association in blockchain industry around the region, we have come up with our signatures which is to have our own exclusive T-shirts with polyester jersey fabric and Snapback Cap designated with our logos. It is to be sold at a standard price for RM100.00 and RM50.00 and membership price is RM60.00 for t-shirt and RM30.00 for snapback cap. If you are interested in purchasing our merchandise kindly placed your order by sending email to [sasha@access-my.org](mailto:sasha@access-my.org)/telegram @Sasha\_Haya

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### [Development Update Q3 - Q4](#)

#### 1. Standards Malaysia

ACCESS Blockchain Association has been in a friendly relationship with Standards Malaysia since 2017. In Q3 2018, we have been officially accepted into the TC / 307 Working Group to support setting national and international standards.

#### 2. Bank Simpanan Malaysia (BSN)

In Q4 / 2018, we arranged for a meeting at BSN and brought two corporate members in the cryptocurrency exchange business. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a friendly relationship and understanding between our members and the bank, to enable critical crypto-related businesses to maintain banking facilities. Development is underway and we expect the next meeting to take place in early 2019.

#### 3. ACCESS Iskandar

Our secretary; Mr. Aaron Ting has made significant progress in Johor. The Iskandar region is expected to accommodate the Blockchain Developers company based in

Aaron held an event at XpressTrain in Medini Iskandar to further kick-starting this initiative.

#### 4. International Conference on Computer & Information Science

Our president Mr. Rene was invited to attend the prestigious Science Fair at KLCC and contribute as a panelist in a knowledge-sharing session alongside Prof Kamil Mahmood of UTP and other experts in the academic and research field.

#### 5. Women in Tech Conference

The ISI (International Strategy Institute) of Malaysia hosted the Women in Tech conference at Sime Darby Convention Centre, KL. Mr. Rene had the honor to share his views on "gender powers" and engage the public as panelist speaker.

#### 6. Malaysia Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology Outlook 2019 Report: Blockchain and Malaysian Industry Session

Our friends MIGHT are supportive of the blockchain technology and a healthy Malaysian ecosystem around it. MIGHT hosted several events which ACCESS Blockchain Association representatives regularly attend, and launched their 2019 Outlook report, which mentions our association alongside other significant Malaysian players. Thank you, especially Kak Mastura Ishak @ MIGHT.

#### 7. TECNOMART Blockchain: Adding Value through Blockchain @MIGHT

ACCESS MY participated in exhibitions where we also took part in panel sessions. During the exhibition, Sasha entertained all queries, feedback, and greetings from people who came from different backgrounds. Also, Adam is one of the Exco members involved in panel discussions. The Technomart event serves as a platform for insights and updates for specific industries & Government Stakeholders about blockchain potential as well as highlighting areas such as agricultural development and talent from international experience. This is an opportunity for local industry players to explore and collaborate in the Blockchain business.

#### 8. SME CEO Forum

On 24 Oct. 2018 at Aloft Hotel KL - Rene, our president was panelist speaker at the blockchain and cryptocurrency technology session.

#### 9. Lextech Conference by Canlaw

ACCESS Blockchain Association had sent representatives to this year's LexTech conference to engage with legal professionals in between the talk sessions. At their 2017 event, we had Ms. Suraya as panel moderator as well as Mr. Rene and Mr. Aaron explaining the (Blockchain) Smart Contract world to the audience.

#### 10. MOU with Global Entrepreneurship Malaysia Association (GEMA)

GEMA signed a MoU for further cooperation, and we're now looking into various cross-association membership benefits. The December 2018 eFM radio interview series on Blockchain Technology in Malaysia is one of the first initiatives which

#### 11. Annual Starfish Event

Our friend Mr. Warrick Singh from Starfish Training had invited Mr. Rene to speak at his training event at KL Equine Park. A generic Blockchain 101 was combined with applicability in the Real Estate market in Malaysia.

#### 12. IOT talk organized by UTEM

Faez M. Noor, executive director of ACCESS Blockchain Malaysia and co-founder of LuxTag had a talk at UTEM, Melaka on "Blockchain & IoT : Track & Trace". Faez presented some of the current industry use cases of blockchain in the IoT industry and how blockchain can increase the integrity of data of IoT devices. Faez also discussed Ledger of Things, the many use cases and business models that can be created by combining blockchain with IoT. There were around 300+ participants, mainly university students at the event. MCMC, Intel, and Ericsson also presented at the event.

#### 13. Singapore Fintech Festival 2018

On 12 November 2018 until 14 November 2018, a team of ACCESS MY comprised of Aaron, Colbert, and Sasha has flown to Singapore to become a partner joining ACCESS SG to set up a booth during Singapore's largest FinTech event. This is also the first time we held an exhibition with ACCESS SG in the same place. Fintech Festival Singapore is also known as the world's largest Fintech event and provides a global platform for the FinTech community to connect, collaborate and co-create.

#### 14. Banking Law vs Bitcoin

This was a two-session series presented to an audience of post-graduate law students at Faculty of Law, University Malaya. The first one "[Banking Law vs. Bitcoin](#)" was presented by our treasurer; En. Affendi Ariffin, while the second one "[Legal Consideration for Crypto Banking](#)" was presented by Mr. Edmund Yong from our corporate member; Celebrus Advisory. Lecture materials are provided in the links above.

#### 15. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – The Impact and Challenges of Digital Currency in Malaysia at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

On 15/11/2018, ACCESS was involved with roundtable discussions between university and industry on "The Impact and Challenges of Digital Currency in Malaysia" at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. Some of the attendees for the event were representatives for SSM, INCEIF, and SPRM

#### 16. Blockchain 101 talks at LH-AG

On 5 Dec 2018 Tan Tze Meng of MDec and Rene Bernard of ACCESS Blockchain Association arrived a the field expert to support the joint event of Malaysian Law Firm LH-AG and IAPP Organization. They both did 30min presentations, followed by legal expert Ms. Adlin Abdul Majid who gave views and spurred discussion on the matters pertaining "PDPA & Blockchain."

radio interview series. Firstly, the series will feature an introduction into Blockchain and Cryptocurrency as well as ACCESS Blockchain Association. Secondly, all interested corporate members had the opportunity to be featured in dedicated interview sessions. Almost ten of our members have taken that initiative - and now we're looking forward to the broadcast to go "on air" by February 2019.

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## 2018 Reviews

**President, Rene Bernard:** For all of us, 2018 was surely a rough year for Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain Technology. It was the year where ICO's became more scrutinized and pushed into legal frameworks, somewhere even outlawed. A year where many weak projects were shaken off and closed down. One might call it a year of natural selection. Nonetheless, we are happy to see that the Blockchain technology is perceived as one of the drivers of the upcoming Industrial Revolution 4.0 - and ACCESS Blockchain Association is eager to support the sane development of both the latter and the former.

## 2019 Insights

**President, Rene Bernard:** President, Rene Bernard: In 2019 and beyond, let us work towards a bright future of both the fintech blockchain environment. "There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals" (Idowu Koyenikan, Author).

We aim to have Malaysia set its footprint on the global blockchain world map - one full of good news and positive energy.

**Secretary, Aaron Ting:** We also expect 2019 will bring forth much-needed regulations for the cryptocurrency, ICO, STO, and Exchanges. This signals the formalization and legalization of the industry and Access Malaysia will strive to do our part to ensure a friendly and globally competitive framework is set in place to allow our ecosystem to grow. We are ready to be the recognized industry body for Cryptocurrency, Blockchain and DLT technology and will support any efforts in this direction by working with govt ministries and agencies, as well as other NGOs, Industry bodies and the public at large.



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